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Following are the highlights of the 4-man team infiltrated near the Pirin Mountain area:

- 1. The team crossed the Bulgarian border on 10 J ly and proceeded to Pepernitsa. From there the team went to Kalamantsi, arriving there on 13 July and then proceeded to the airdrop ground.
- 2. With the aid of 4 other men (a farmer, his son and 2 shepherds) the team prepared the ground to receive the drop. When the plane did not arrive the team moved northward toward Gorna Dzumaya.
- 3. On 24 July the team was warned of being betrayed and then proceeded south, recrossing the border after further contacts.
- 4. One of the team members, Stoyan Tanushev, became separated from the others 3 days after crossing. He made several contacts, then crossed the border 2 days before the others.
- 5. The team showed no particular disappointment at the airdrop failure and is ready to re-infultrate. The team generally hed friendly reception and had no trouble getting food. Although much anti-regime sentiment exists, no well organized resistance was apparent. Tanushev was told that for every 10 Bulgarian soldiers, there is one Soviet soldier in Bulgarian uniform.

BCFIEND

- l. An attempt to establish communications with the teams operating inside Athens, by the Commo plane, failed on the night of August 13/14/
- 2. The British are planning a leaflet drop over Albania during the second week of September and a second drop at the end of October. An attempt will be made to supply 250,000 leaflets to the British for each drop as they have indicated a willingness to drop material produced by the BRIEND propaganda staff.

JBEDICT

1. Senior representatives discussions on possible aid to Papagos in the election resulted in Ambassador Paurifoy's views that no action should be taken by OPC in view of the delicacies of the situation. The Ambassador believes action may meed to be taken to prevent a strong leftish, Communist—dominated coalition if this materializes but observes that no such thread appears imminent.

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